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Letter dated 10 April 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on the post-UNOTIL United Nations presence in Timor-Leste (see annex). I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sofia **Borges**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 April 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 2 April 2006 from the President of Timor-Leste to the Secretary-General

I wish to take this opportunity to convey again my renewed respects to you for guiding the United Nations in various issues of global concern to the international community. I also wish to extend my appreciation again of the opportunity that I had to meet with you and also to address the Security Council in January 2006 in New York.

Today, I am following up on the letters written by H.E. Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri on 17 January 2006, and H.E. Foreign Minister José Ramos-Horta on 2 March 2006 with regard to our request that the United Nations establish in Timor-Leste a "special political office" to assist us in carrying out free and fair elections in 2007. It is my understanding that the Security Council has requested you to make a proposal on the role, structure and composition of the new United Nations presence upon completion of the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste mandate in May 2006.

As stated by Prime Minister Alkatiri in his letter of 17 January 2006, we consider essential for the new United Nations presence to contain all four components, namely an electoral assistance unit, police training advisers, military liaison officers and civilian advisers in critical areas that require continued assistance. With regard to civilian advisers, the Government has secured the agreement of the World Bank for the finance sector and bilateral donors for some of the posts in the judiciary. However, there is a need to secure the service of international advisers to strengthen the prosecution services, as well as to build the organizational foundation and the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Defence and the Forca de Defesa de Timor-Leste in light of recent developments. Therefore, we would appreciate it very much if you could request the Security Council to authorize the deployment of 8 to 10 civilian advisers for institutional capacity-building in the areas of defence and public prosecution. Also we would welcome the deployment of human rights officers to monitor and report on the human rights situation during the period leading to the presidential and parliamentary elections to be held in 2007.

We consider that all these components should be under a senior command and that all the United Nations agencies should be integrated into this "special political office". A unified presence of all United Nations organizations under the unified command of a senior United Nations representative has proved most conducive in coordinating activities carried out by the United Nations agencies.

(*Signed*) Kay Rala Xanana **Gusmão**
President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

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Letter dated 10 April 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of resolution 1668 (2006), adopted unanimously by the Security Council at its 5407th meeting, held on 10 April 2006.

Resolution 1668 (2006) reads as follows:

"*The Security Council*,

"*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1581 (2005) of 18 January 2005,

"*Taking note* of the letter to the President of the Security Council from the Secretary-General dated 27 March 2006,

"*Decides* in response to the request by the Secretary-General to confirm that Judge Joaquín Canivell can continue to sit in the Krajišnik case beyond April 2006 and see the case through to its completion, notwithstanding the fact that the cumulative period of his service in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia would then attain and exceed three years,

"*Decides* to remain seized of the matter."

(*Signed*) **Wang** Guangya
President of the Security Council

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The Security Council,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions and statements pertaining to the situation between Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the requirements contained therein, including in particular resolutions 1640 (2005) of 23 November 2005 and 1661 (2006) of 14 March 2006, as well as the statement of its President of 24 February 2006 (S/PRST/2006/10),

Stressing its unwavering commitment to the peace process, and to the full and expeditious implementation of the Algiers Agreements,

Stressing further that lasting peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea (hereinafter referred to as "the parties") as well as in the region cannot be achieved without the full demarcation of the border between the two parties, and *recalling* that both parties have agreed to accept the determinations of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC) as final and binding,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to ensure that the two parties permit the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) to perform its duties without restrictions and provide UNMEE with the necessary access, assistance, support and protection required for the performance of these duties, and in this regard *stressing* that demarcation of the border cannot proceed unless UNMEE is allowed full freedom of movement throughout its area of operations,

Welcoming once again the successful convening of the meeting of the Witnesses to the Algiers Agreements on 22 February 2006 in New York, as well as the convening of the EEBC meeting on 10 March 2006 in London and *looking forward* to the next EEBC meeting,

Stressing that the unacceptable restrictions on UNMEE, which must be lifted, have drastically reduced the operational capacity for the Mission and could lead to serious implications for the Mission's future,

Commending the role of UNMEE and *expressing* once again its deep appreciation for the contribution and dedication of the troop-contributing countries to the work of UNMEE, despite the immense difficulties which they are facing,

Mindful of the reports of the Secretary-General of 3 January 2006 (S/2006/1) and of 6 March 2006 (S/2006/140) and the options on the future of UNMEE contained therein,

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1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of UNMEE for a period of one month, until 15 May 2006;

2. *Demands* that the parties fully comply with resolution 1640 (2005), in particular paragraphs 1 and 5;

3. *Calls* on Member States to provide continued support for UNMEE and contributions to the Trust Fund established pursuant to resolution 1177 (1998) and referred to in article 4 (17) of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed by the Governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea on 12 December 2000, in order to support the demarcation process;

4. *Affirms* its intention, in the event it determines that the parties have not demonstrated full compliance with resolution 1640 (2005) by the beginning of May 2006, to review the mandate and troop level of UNMEE by 15 May 2006, with a view to a decision on possible adjustments of UNMEE, as outlined in the Secretary-General's report dated 3 January 2006 (S/2006/1), including inter alia a transformation into an observer mission;

5. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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Letter dated 6 April 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 13 December 2005 (S/2005/797) and the response dated 16 December 2005 (S/2005/798) regarding the activities of the Quartet, including the mandate of its Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement, James Wolfensohn, and the support for those activities by the Organization through the provision of logistical, technical and financial assistance to Mr. Wolfensohn's office.

From 1 June 2005, Mr. Wolfensohn was charged by the Quartet with coordinating the international community's efforts in support of the disengagement initiative; promoting coordination and cooperation between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority on the implementation of Israel's disengagement initiative from Gaza and parts of the northern West Bank; and working with the Palestinian Authority on specific reforms and steps to promote economic recovery and growth, democracy, good governance and transparency, job creation and improved living standards. Mr. Wolfensohn's mandate as the Quartet's Special Envoy, which was initially planned to end on 31 December 2005, was extended through 31 March 2006.

The members of the Quartet, comprising the United Nations, the European Union, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, have agreed that Mr. Wolfensohn and his team should continue to be provided with the support necessary to operate an office in Jerusalem until the end of April 2006. In the context of Security Council resolution 1515 (2003), in which the Council endorsed the Quartet's road map and encouraged the diplomatic efforts of the Quartet and others, I should be grateful if you could confirm the Council's continued support for the proposed arrangements. It would then be my intention to maintain the provision of logistical, technical and financial assistance in support of his office for the period of Mr. Wolfensohn's extended mandate.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 11 April 2006 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 6 April 2006 (S/2006/233) concerning the activities of the Quartet, including the extension of the mandate of its Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement, James Wolfensohn, and the continuing support for his office in Jerusalem has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They welcome the proposed arrangements set out in your letter.

(*Signed*) **Wang** Guangya
President of the Security Council

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Letter dated 7 April 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) established by Security Council resolution 1320 (2000) and extended by resolution 1661 (2006) of 14 March 2006.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Mohammad Taisir Masedeh (Jordan) as Force Commander of UNMEE as of 9 April 2006. He replaces Major General Rajender Singh (India), who has served as Force Commander of UNMEE since 23 July 2004. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major-General Singh for his exemplary and highly professional service with UNMEE.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 11 April 2006 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 7 April 2006 (S/2006/235) concerning your intention to appoint Major-General Mohammad Taisir Masadeh (Jordan) as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the intention expressed in your letter.

(*Signed*) **Wang** Guangya
President of the Security Council

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Letter dated 7 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the arrest and bringing into custody of Charles Taylor, issued on 3 April 2006 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex). I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gerhard **Pfanzelter**
Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 7 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on the arrest and bringing into custody of Charles Taylor, issued on 3 April 2006 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the arrest of former Liberian President Charles Taylor in Nigeria and his speedy transfer to the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where he is to stand trial on several counts of crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.

The European Union hails the courage of Liberian President Johnson-Sirleaf in demanding Taylor's extradition and commends the important role played by President Obasanjo and the Nigerian authorities in securing his arrest.

The European Union is pleased to see Charles Taylor finally face justice. This marks a historic event for the people of Sierra Leone and brings hope for peace and reconciliation in the region. The arrest and transfer of Charles Taylor to the Special Court is also an important victory for international justice and the fight against impunity in the whole of West Africa. The European Union welcomes ongoing efforts by the Special Court to ensure that the trial of Charles Taylor will take place without external interference.

The European Union expresses its strong and continued support for the United Nations-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone.

The European Union reconfirms its strong support for peace, stability and democracy in the Mano River region.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia,* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the stabilization and association process.

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Letter dated 10 March 2006 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission has concluded its fifty-ninth session, which was held at Geneva from 7 to 9 March 2006.

During the opening plenary meeting, the Republic of the Congo was elected as a Vice-President of the Governing Council, and representatives of Kuwait, Iraq and India addressed the Council. Their statements are being sent by mail with the original of this letter.

During the session, the Council discussed the following issues and decided as follows:

To take note of the report of the Executive Secretary: summary of activities, covering the period from 15 November 2005 to 15 February 2006.

With respect to the issue of the shortfall to the Compensation Fund of approximately US$ 37.2 million, to request that the Executive Secretary follow up on his correspondence with the Controller; and to request that the issue be referred to the next informal meeting of the Working Group for further discussion regarding options for recovery of the shortfall.

To approve corrections to certain category A, C, D and E/F claims contained in the thirty-third report of the Executive Secretary pursuant to article 41 of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure (S/AC.26/Dec.259 (2006)).

With respect to Kuwait's request for the return of confidential documents, to refer the issue to an informal meeting of the Working Group for further consideration and to request that the secretariat distribute documents comprising the arrangements between the secretariat and the Government of Kuwait for the Council's consideration.

With respect to the follow-up programme on environmental awards, to take note of the update provided by the secretariat on the status of the programme; to take note of the progress that was made at the second and third regional meetings of claimant Governments and Iraq, with the Commission as an observer, in setting up a regional programme; to note that the ongoing bilateral discussions between Iraq and Kuwait have resulted in the draft working paper on the creation and establishment of the Regional

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Environmental Remediation Programme between the claimant Governments and the Government of Iraq, which the Governing Council received and examined at the request of the Governments of Iraq and Kuwait; and to welcome the continuation of these bilateral discussions and regional initiatives and encourage the efforts of claimant Governments and Iraq in establishing the regional programme, to which Iraq will be provided the opportunity to present its war-related remediation projects.

With respect to the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs for Iraq dated 2 February 2006, addressed separately to Governing Council members, the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary, to note that, as reflected in the executive summary of the third regional meeting, progress was made at the meeting on a number of issues raised in the letter and that negotiations are ongoing between Iraq and Kuwait on the issue of Iraq's remediation projects and to note that the Executive Secretary responded to the Minister's letter on 3 March 2006.

With respect to the request of the delegation of Iraq made at the opening plenary meeting and the note verbale from Iraq to the secretariat received on 7 March 2006 enclosing proposed amendments to the guidelines for the follow-up programme on environmental awards, to request that the secretariat contact Iraq's representatives in order to obtain clarification from Iraq on the proposed amendments; to request that the secretariat prepare an information note on the impact of the proposed amendments on the guidelines for the Council's consideration at a future informal meeting of the Working Group; to keep this issue on the agenda of the Governing Council; and to advise Iraq accordingly.

With respect to the issue of some public availability of the environmental monitoring and assessment databank, to note that discussions regarding the databank were ongoing among claimant Governments and Iraq and that a meeting of technical experts will be held in conjunction with the next regional meeting; to note that the executive summary of the third regional meeting reflects the Commission's willingness to transfer the contents of the UNEP database to the claimant Governments and the Governing Council's interest in allowing some public access to it; and to request that the secretariat provide further updates on this issue at the next session of the Governing Council.

To take note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the distribution of payments and transparency and the return of undistributed funds, and to request the secretariat to continue to inform the Governing Council of the reports of Governments and international organizations on the distribution of payments and the return of undistributed funds.

With respect to the issue of potential duplicate awards, to request that the secretariat expand its investigation to include family member searches and identify such claims for consideration at the session of the Governing Council in June; to refer the issue of what further action could be taken with respect to the results of such searches to a future informal meeting of the Working Group for further consideration; to request that article 41 corrections be undertaken with regard to all claims identified as having confirmed overpayments with the exception of family member matches and to consider their treatment at a future informal meeting of the Working Group; in making such corrections, to apply

the final guidelines proposed by the secretariat for match confirmation procedures and for determining and allocating overpayments; with respect to paid claims, to refer consideration of the options presented by the secretariat for the recovery of confirmed overpayments to the next informal meeting of the Working Group for further consideration; to request that the secretariat resume its review and payment of awards for which payment is requested following the location of previously unlocated claimants and awards scheduled for payment following a submitting entity's compliance with its reporting obligations, taking into account family member search results in conducting duplication checks; with respect to the current duplication-related suspensions on payments, to continue for the next payment round, scheduled to be made in April 2006, those suspensions on payments to Iran (Islamic Republic of) and to the late claims that were the subject of the report and recommendations of the D1 Panel of Commissioners concerning the late-filed category A and category C claims programme (S/AC.26/2005/2), without prejudice to any action that the Council may decide to take with respect to subsequent payment rounds; to request that the secretariat provide regular updates on its investigation at future informal meetings and to prepare a report on its findings for consideration at the next session of the Governing Council; and finally, to approve the request for the extension of staff necessary to perform the work outlined above.

To request that the secretariat write a further letter to the Government of Bangladesh regarding the exchange rates used for claims payment, reiterating the Council's position that losses sustained by the Government in exchanging dollars to taka could not be borne by individual claimants and that the total funds retained by the Government cannot exceed the 1.5 per cent processing fee as stated in Governing Council decision 18 and further that underpayments to individual claimants should be corrected as a matter of urgency.

To request that the secretariat write further follow-up letters to the Governments of Liberia, Senegal and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia regarding non-compliance with the reporting requirements of decisions 18 and 48 setting a final deadline for reporting on the payment distribution, indicating that, should they fail to comply, the amounts for which they have not accounted must be returned to the Commission; to request that the secretariat prepare a note on all countries that have missed the deadlines for reporting on payment distribution for the Council's consideration at the next informal meeting of the Working Group; and to keep the issue on the agenda of the Governing Council.

To take note of the recommendations in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations relating to the Compensation Commission for the biennium 2002-2003 dated 7 December 2005; the secretariat's response thereto dated 30 December 2005; the audit by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of eligible category D Palestinian late claims dated 13 December 2005; the secretariat's response thereto dated 7 February 2006; the management letter from the Board of Auditors on the distribution of Compensation Commission payments to claimants (Kuwait and Jordan) dated 15 November 2005; and the secretariat's response thereto dated 15 December 2005.

With respect to recommendations 20 and 21 of the management letter from the United Nations Board of Auditors on the audit of the interim financial statements of the Compensation Commission dated 19 September 2005, considered by the Governing Council at the fifty-eighth session, to note that the secretariat has received a response to its request for clarification from the Board on its recommendations regarding audit certificates and that the Board has indicated that it will examine this issue more closely when it conducts its final audit of Compensation Commission accounts.

With respect to the proposed workplan of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for 2006, to note that the Office has proposed to continue its audit of claims processing notwithstanding the fact that claims processing has been concluded; to note that the Executive Secretary intends to take up the proposed workplan with the Office of Internal Oversight Services in New York, recalling that the Committee on Administrative Matters, at its eighteenth meeting in June 2005, in approving the audit posts requested by the Office, encouraged the Executive Secretary to continue his consultations with the Office with the expectation that the Executive Secretary and the Office would arrive at a mutually agreeable workplan for 2006; to request that the Executive Secretary seek clarification from the Office on the rationale for its proposed audit of claims processing; to request the secretariat to continue to provide updates on audit issues at future informal meetings of the Working Group; and to keep this issue on the agenda of the Governing Council.

With respect to the requests made by the delegation of India in its statement at the opening plenary meeting, to note that it has already considered the request that the date for the location and payment to unlocated claimants be extended at its fifty-eighth session; to urge the Government of India to expedite its efforts to locate claimants; to maintain its position that there should be no extension of the deadline of 30 September 2006; however, should there be a sudden large influx of repayment requests as the deadline approaches that could be documented by the Government concerned, to reconsider the request; with respect to India's request that the Governing Council consider accepting an additional few hundred claims for late filing, to decline the request, recalling decision 219 in which the Governing Council decided that it would not accept further late-filed claims; with respect to the request that the secretariat extend the deadline of 15 February 2006 imposed by the secretariat regarding confirmation of potential overpayments, to note that the secretariat would be sending further notes verbales to all affected Governments setting a new deadline for responding; and finally, with respect to the request that the Commission transfer the approximately US$ 30 million that is being held for unlocated claimants to an overseas escrow account so that the disbursement process can be expedited, to decline the request for a number of reasons, including the fact that the secretariat's duplication checks regarding repayable claims are ongoing.

Finally, that the sixtieth session of the Governing Council would be held from 27 to 29 June 2006, and the sixty-first session on 31 October and on 2 and 3 November 2006; and that informal meetings of the Working Group would be held between regular sessions of the Governing Council as required.

The Governing Council also heard a report from the Chairman of the Committee on Administrative Matters. The Committee held its nineteenth meeting at Geneva on 7 March 2006 to discuss proposed adjustments to the approved budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (S/AC.26/2006/R.8). The Committee noted that the proposed adjustments are acceptable as they can be accommodated within the current approved budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (S/AC.26/2005/R.24) through a redistribution of approved funds. The Committee also noted that there will be additional adjustments that are not contained in the report, including the extension of staff for the potential overpayment exercise under consideration by the Governing Council at the fifty-ninth session and the details of the budgetary implications for the successor arrangements for the second half of 2007, approved by the Governing Council at its fifty-eighth session, that are being prepared in consultation with the United Nations Office at Geneva. The Committee indicated its readiness to accept the additional adjustments for staffing the overpayment exercise and successor arrangements for the second half of 2007 to the extent that they could also be accommodated within the existing approved total budget, and requested that the Executive Secretary submit a consolidated revision of the budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for the consideration of the Committee on Administrative matters during the session of the Governing Council in June 2006, that reflects the necessary adjustments for the above-mentioned items as well as other items that the secretariat anticipates may arise over the course of the biennium.

As the Council was informed by the secretariat, the next round of payment, which would total some US$ 240 million if income to the Compensation Fund follows the existing trend, will be effected on 27 April 2006. On 28 February 2006 the balance of the Fund was approximately $163.5 million.

(*Signed*) Tassos **Kriekoukis**
President of the Governing Council

Annex

Documents before the Governing Council at its fifty-ninth session

1. Thirty-third report of the Executive Secretary pursuant to article 41 of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure (S/AC.26/2006/1).

2. Decision concerning corrections of awards pursuant to article 41 of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure (S/AC.26/Dec.259 (2006)).

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Letter dated 11 April 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Group, I have the honour to request an immediate meeting of the Security Council to consider the recent developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

Ahmed **Hassan**
Chargé d'affaires
Chairman of the OIC Group

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Letter dated 12 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, I have the honour to inform you that the member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement support the request made by the States members of the League of Arab States for the convening of an immediate meeting of the Security Council to consider recent developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as conveyed to you through Tawfeeq Ahmed Almansoor, Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of April 2006, in his letter dated 10 April 2006 (S/2006/227).

(*Signed*) **Hamidon** Ali
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement

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Letter dated 17 April 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to request that, in accordance with its previous practice, the Security Council invite the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting of the Security Council that will be held on Monday, 17 April 2006, regarding the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Letter dated 11 April 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1603 (2005), by which the Council requested me to designate a High Representative for the elections in Côte d'Ivoire.

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Gérard Stoudmann (Switzerland) to the post of High Representative for the elections in Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Stoudmann will replace Antonio Monteiro who relinquished his post in mid-March. I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the important contribution made by Mr. Monteiro to the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 13 April 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 11 April 2006 (S/2006/242) concerning your intention, as requested by the Security Council in its resolution 1603 (2005), to appoint Gérard Stoudmann (Switzerland) to the post of High Representative for the elections in Côte d'Ivoire has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They take note of the intention expressed in your letter.

(*Signed*) **Wang** Guangya
President of the Security Council

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Letter dated 17 April 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to article 39 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, I have the honour to request the participation of Yahya A. Mahmassani, Ambassador and Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States to the United Nations, in the open meeting on the situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine, scheduled for this afternoon, 17 April 2006.

(*Signed*) Jamal Nasser **Al-Bader**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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